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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Open Meeting, Thursday, September 14
Time 8:00 P. M.
Place: Theatre of Sun Electric Corp.,
11th and Grove Streets

PLAY DAY PLANNED

FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 29

As soon as the Convention is over, says Bud Vogel, there's going to be a day of just plain fun for all the horsemen. Preliminary plans include a lot of gymkhana events, some games that anyone may enter, and maybe even some calf roping.

Time and place will be announced later, together with full details.

SEPTEMBER, 1950

JOIN THE CROWD ! OPEN MEETING

THURSDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 14

George Daniels will present the movie record of the Spring trail ride, barbecue and field day at the September Open Meeting, and it's going to be quite an evening! These events have come to be so popular this year that it's a good idea to come early to get a good seat. The time: 8:00 p. m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, in the comfortable theatre room of the Sun Electric Corporation, 11th and Grove Streets. Maybe you'll see your own horse, right up there in front—and certainly you'll enjoy checking up on the performance of some two hundred others, most of them people you know.

Old and New Business

There are a few important and serious matters to be considered: trails, the Palm Springs Blue Ribbon Show, the election committee, the Fall activities of the Association, and anything else the membership has in mind. All in all, President Heber Brown and the Activities Committee promise a full evening, with plenty of refreshments to top it off.

It's going to be difficult to express the the appreciation of the M. H. A. to Bob Hubbard for the use of that building. He has been extremely generous—and it's a splendid place to meet.

Vi Schumacher and Bud Vogel Announce Their Marriage

Another good bachelor was lost from the ranks on August 5, when M. H. A. Director and Activities Chairman Bud Vogel was married to Vianne Schumacher. Vi, a fine horsewoman and a grand person, was Bud's riding partner in the Boots and Jeans square dance group, and this year has been his first assistant on the Activities Committee.

Bob and Betty Hubbard acted as best man and matron of honor in a charming ceremony in Los Angeles. Roger Farrar flew down from Oakland for the event, obviously under the impression that it was another Activities Committee meeting, but the Vogels managed to keep their plans a secret from most of their friends.

The entire M. H. A. joins in wishing them a fine, long trail—and may the rocks be only pebbles!

5th REGION DINNER AND ELECTION OCTOBER 2

Host: Vice-President Joe Massone.

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The last regional dinner of the year will be held Monday night, Oct. 2, at The Willows, Orinda Crossroads. Candidates will be nominated and an election held to choose the California State Horsemen's Association Vice-President from Region 5. All clubs and M. H. A. members are urged to be present.

It has been a good year for Region 5, and Vice-President Joe Massone wants to close it on a high note. With characteristic generosity, he is going to provide the entertainment for the evening.

Dinner, which will include barbecued steer and all the trimmings, will be at 7:30 p. m.

There will be a short meeting, entertainment, and an orchestra for dancing. As Joe says:

"We'll have the whole place to ourselves. I'm not going to fool around with a lot of speeches that night. It's going to be our last meeting, so we may as well have some fun."

Members from Alameda County may make reservations (dinner is \$3.00) by writing Joe Massone, 1100 Eighth Ave.,

Oakland, or phoning him at TEmplebar 4-8760. Contra Costa County members write him at home: Rt. 1, Box 311, Walnut Blvd., Walnut Creek, or phone in the evening to Walnut Creek 4504.

NEW REGION 13 PROPOSED

Plans are well under way, according to C. S. H. A. President Fred Anderson, to divide Region 1, made up of northern counties of the state. Under the new plan, Region 1 would be made up of all counties from Marin north to Mendocino. A brand new region, No. 13, would be formed for counties north of Eureka.

It's an active group up there: they have already proposed their regional Vice-President, Jess Lust, and several riding clubs are expected to join the C. S. H. A. by Convention time, to support their proposed region.

Greater progress in horsemanship and in the State Trail should result, since that's a very large area for a single Regional Vice-President to cover adequately: undoubtedly officials of the present Region 1 will support the move with enthusiasm.

DRILL TEAMS TO COW PALACE

Through cooperation between Cow Palace and C. S. H. A. officials, it has been announced that three championship quality drill teams will be invited to show during the holding of the Grand National: a men's, women's and a junior group.

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AUGUST MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections:

James A. Myers reported that as soon as President Brown appoints an election Committee, notices will be sent to members asking for their suggestions for nominees to the Board of Directors for 1951. Organized groups will be asked to select one nominee from their membership. The Election Committee will then compile the names of all nominees, and send the list to the membership. Members will be asked to vote for 14 persons to be elected to the Board of Directors.

Results of the election will be made known at the annual dinner in December.

Membership:

Chairman Cummings reported that to July 31 there were 788 members, of whom 248 are juniors. This represents 226 more paid-up members than on the same date last year. Cummings suggested that, to reach the goal of 1,000, members consider giving membership cards to friends. Often a "thank-you gift" to a fellow horseman is in order; often, too, horsemen who have moved away from this area would appreciate receiving the Trail Blazer, just to keep up on news of their friends.

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Trophies for Junior Show:

Clarence Simons reported that the Juniors needed two trophies for their show of August 6. He suggested that, since there were some unused trophies left over from the M. H. A. Oakland show, two of them be donated to the Juniors. The Directors voted approval.

Activities:

Inasmuch as Chairman Vogel was on vacation (see page 3!), there was no report.

Insurance:

John Thiel was appointed to confer with Howard Robinson concerning insurance coverage for the M. H. A. Junior horse show.

C. S. H. A. Convention:

Inasmuch as the Juniors will represent M. H. A. in the relay race, and John Curry in the quadrangle stake race at Palm Springs, it was voted that the M. H. A. pay the entry fees for its contestants in both of these events.

Regional Vice-President:

President Heber Brown announced that the C. S. H. A. 5th regional Vice-President would be elected at the regional dinner meeting in September. It was reported that George Walling was a candidate. The Directors voted that the M. H. A. delegate to the September regional meeting be instructed to cast M. H. A.'s unanimous ballot for George.

S. P. C. A.:

Archie Brown appeared before the Board and reported that in the past the M. H. A. had paid his organization, the West Coast Detective Service, \$5.00 per month for gasoline for S. P. C. A. patrol purposes, inasmuch as he got a majority of the Humane Society's day and night calls, and provided a patrolman on Sundays. The Board voted to continue these payments during 1950.

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HORSE-SCOPE OF NEW M. H. A. MEMBERS

JOSEPH S. ABREU rides a morgan gelding, Tarzan. He enjoys roping, fishing, hunting, and horses, but these took second place, this summer, to the job of fencing his pastures.

ARTHUR AGUAIR has a jumping mare, Speckles, which he entered in the M. H. A. show. He attends the university at Berkeley.

SAM BEAN, member of Boots & Jeans, reports that his stallion, Satan's Morgan, is an excellent square dancer and a perfect gentleman at all times.

META BROGDEN goes in for all sports, photography and sewing. Although she does not own a horse, Meta has the unusual—a pinto donkey which she rides in parades.

ROBERT CAMARCO is just interested in horses and would like to serve on the Activities Committee. Hear that, Bud?

JUNE CAMARCO is another horse lover and goes in for singing—sounds like more good material for Activities Committee.

FLORENCE DE GOROG has a morgan stallion and a morgan mare, both used for pleasure riding. Her hobbies are gardening and —“believe it or not, carpentry,” she says.

MEL DIAS rides in amateur bronc events on weekends, and is with the County Recorder's Office. Just recently Mel married one of our new Juniors, DOLLY. Best luck and happiness to them.

MRS. ALOHA EIDE rides from Big Bear stable and made her debut in M. H. A. activities last George Daniels Day. Aloha is a busy housewife but finds time to pursue her favorite sport, riding. She collects bronze miniature horses.

DOROTHY FERRY has a nice pinto quarterhorse gelding, Tico, which she rides in the Family Class with her parents.

JANET FRINK didn't tell much on her questionnaire so all there is to report is that she goes in for leather work and sports.

MRS. PEARL GALER rides a nice mare, “Tiny,” and likes to knit when not riding.

CHARLES HAGEMAN has a lovely thoroughbred mare, Susan B. Believe it or not, Susan B. is running competition to the saddlebreds and can perform 5 gaits. Charlie is an engineer and would like to serve on the Trails Committee.

GERI HAZEN is another Trails enthusiast and goes in for printing, drawing and sewing. GENE HAZEN is an accountant and bowls as well as he rides.

GEORGE HAYMIE says horses and equipment are his chief interest. George has a nice pinto stallion, La Cobra Morgan, which will make a good cutting horse in the future.

ED HILL, a jeweler in Oakland, reports that both he and his wife, Phyllis, ride hunters. Phyllis owns Valeroso Mio, a black hunter which won 22 ribbons last year, and Ed owns Mioval, a six year old, being shown in green hunter classes this year.

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LYMAN E. HAWKS has a Tennessee walker, Abner: "Just a good, intelligent trail horse, for which the Tennessee breed is noted." Model railroads are his hobby, in addition to hunting and fishing. He owns a machine and welding shop.

GEORGE HOWER is a member of Boots & Jeans Square Dance team. He has his own horse, Copper Kid.

MYRTLE HOWER is also a member of the Square Dance team and serves as Recording Secretary for the group. Myrtle is interested in leather craft.

CATHY JACOBS, wife of Jerry Jacobs, served as your Horse Show Secretary. Cathy admitted that there were days when she could shoot herself, but don't believe that. Cathy presided at the Horse Show office and did a splendid job. She likes riding, swimming and dancing.

GEORGE M. KEEFER, Vice-President of Anglo California Bank, was very much in evidence at the George Daniels Field Day, taking pictures. George is a private pilot and golfs on the side.

JAMES MAILLIARD has a morgan mare, Mundy, on a ranch in Mendocino County. Mundy is a splendid trail horse and no doubt James enjoys her during vacations, and when getting away from his job of importing.

NEAL MARTIN is with Friden Calculating Machine Co. and rides a lovely palomino gelding, King, during weekends.

WILL MATHEWS is Supervisor of Industrial Education, Oakland Public Schools. Appropriately enough, he has a black gelding called Saturday, on a cattle ranch near Orinda, where Will plays cowboy—lookout, Hoppy! And, Will says, he would like to serve wherever he could be of use—first come, first served, Committee Chairmen.

WALTER NAFFSINGER has a nice mare, Sally. We will be looking for her in the Western Trails Classes.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Additions from June 15 to August 15

(If your name is misspelled, it was done inadvertently. Won't you let us know, so that we may make the correction?)

NEW SENIOR MEMBERS

Beverly Adams	Claire McGlynn
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Allen Gettel	Mrs. J. F. Patterson
Ralph Hibbard	Bill Poser
John R. Jaques	Jack H. Rogers
Ernestine M. Mayo	Ed Stevens
Roy E. Mayo	Howard Young

SENIOR RENEWALS

Vern Chappell	H. W. Ludolph
Mrs. Harry Fair	A. J. McCosker
O. D. Hamlin, Jr.	James Ormond
A. E. Josephs	Ruth Peckham

NEW JUNIORS

Bob Berggren	Jerry Erickson
Tamsyn Bever	Larry Fox
Betty Lou Brown	Joan Lagonick
Sue Edwards	Francis McDonald
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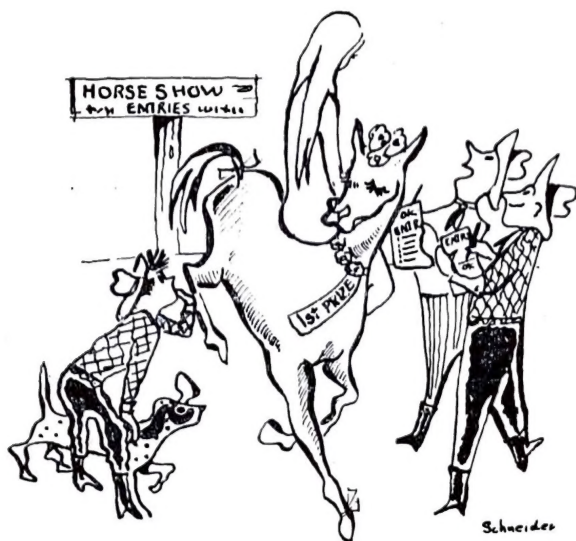
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FINANCIAL REPORT

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At the meeting of Directors on August 4, Treasurer Mabel Smith reported on M. H. A. receipts and disbursements for the first six months, as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Trails	\$ 319.75
Trail Blazer	985.19
Activities	2,070.60
Membership	1,653.82
Horse Show	1,936.58
Total	\$ 7,498.94

DISBURSEMENTS:

Trails	\$ 150.00
Trail Blazer	1,106.17
Activities	1,094.95
Membership	1,380.29
Horse Show	2,998.28
Total	\$ 6,730.68

BALANCE:

Trails	\$ 169.75
Trail Blazer	\$120.98
Activities	833.09
Membership	273.53
Horse Show	528.40
Total	\$ 768.26

It was pointed out that there was well over \$1,500 still to come into the horse show fund, as this six-month period closed only a week after the show. Mrs. Smith added that, when outstanding bills are paid, the Trail Blazer would show a profit of \$165.27 for the period.

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The Patrol participated in the Martinez Fiesta parade in August, winning a handsome trophy as best silver-mounted unit.

With the assistance of The Magpies—a group of wives so named for their chatter AND their ability to make collections—the clubhouse has been redecorated, and the group frequently holds open house on Sundays for horsemen friends.

Henry Gede is recovering from a hand infection so serious it kept him from riding, but trouble came doubly for the Gedes: daughter Jane recently suffered a broken ankle while working her colt.

Jack Simons, too, is laid up with a broken leg. Jack is one of the unit's best riders, and his absence is keenly felt by all. He is up and around, albeit considerably slowed down.

MHA JUNIOR HAY RIDE

The M. H. A. Juniors jammed a lot of fun into a few hours on July 19, when they went for a hay ride, returned to Wildwood Stables for a barbecue, and then went on to the home of the Wallings, where a dance completed the evening's activities. Activities Chairman Ronnie Dunniway and his assistants did their customary good job.

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After many hours of patient doctoring, Vern Chappell's horse has just about recovered from the bad gash across his chest. It was the result of a trailer accident while returning from the Merced-Mariposa trail ride.

Ethel Alberts and her mare were patiently awaiting the arrival of a colt, which will doubtless have been born by the time you read this.

Frank Crass is the proud owner of a very promising Arabian colt, and Bud Curtiss has added Dillinger, a pinto gelding, to his horse family.

New boarders include Cecilia Cotroneo's bay-and-white pinto gelding, Mr. Hershey's pinto mare and colt, and Bob Anderson's nice pinto.

ARLINGTON HILLS ACADEMY

Officials in that very successful horse show of June 4 were: Judge: John Enrich, assisted by his son; Ring Steward: George Walling; Announcer: Leo Armstrong; Music: Al Anderson.

Tiny Capriola is exceedingly proud of her pupil, Sue Boomer, whose new saddlebred, Deputy Sheriff, took a blue at the San Pablo Horsemen's show. Sue also took the blue ribbon in equitation on Tarbaby, in the English class for juniors.

John Capriola is working his 4-year-old half saddlebred colt, Amacho Caprie, and hopes to show him soon.

Leo Armstrong, president of San Pablo Horsemen's Ass'n., is doing a fine job on the State Trails Committee for Contra Costa County.

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Beautifully tanned, the Dettmer family have returned from a vacation at their summer home in Pinecrest. Jan and Bill Pray are back from a business trip to Seattle, to the great joy of Little Boy.

CRESSMOUNT HUNTER TRIALS

The Upson Downs Course was the stage for the Hunter Trials at Cressmount on Sunday, June 4. Beginning at 10:00 a. m., the day's schedule included senior intermediate jump class, cross country events, road hacks, trail horses, hunters and pleasure classes.

Winners were: Jumpers: (1) Pat Brandes, with Nancy Telfer, Peggy Day and John Thiel placing. Equitation, for Pegasus Patrol, senior division: (1) Katie Dewey, (2) Dar LaBarthe, (3) Ann Taylor, (4) Sally Schetter. Junior division: Happy Jordan, Phyllis Dexter, Karol Womack and Nancy Powers.

Second phase of triad—road hacks: Cynthia Rawlins the winner, with Dede Brandes, Ann Conwell and Linda Lorimer placing. Trail Horses, for Subalterns: Susan Curley the winner, on her own horse, Adelman, with Susan Tucker, Marian Schutte and Ann Markotis placing.

Pleasure pairs, for Shongehon: (1) Carol de Vilbiss and Wilda Rosendahl; (2) Priscilla Meyer and Bonnie Bothwell. Open hunters: (1) Muriel Ratcliff, followed by Bob and Linda Lorimer, and Peggy Day.

Other activities at Cressmount include the Thursday rides of the Saddle Bags, a fun-loving group of women riders, and the Tuesday night meeting of Upson Downs, instructed and directed by Earl Hansen.

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The horse show in its entirety was beautifully managed and handled. But we do hope, next year, there will be a place for the thoroughbreds—and the children riding them.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Kraemer

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ALL-ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

At the recent Arabian show in San Francisco at the Polo Grounds, it was a family affair in the stock horse class: Baraki, the sire of Margaret Rukavina's black Arab stallion, placed first, Margaret's horse, Tarr, was second, and his full brother was fourth.

The event brought out a splendid showing of these beautiful horses.

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SUCCESS CROWNS M.H.A. JUNIORS' SHOW

"We made money," rejoiced Kay Walling, reporting on the Horse Show of August 6th staged by the M. H. A. Juniors. There were lots of entries in every class, including 23 in trails, 19 in pole bending, 14 in English pleasure—just to give you an idea of the variety.

The crowd's enthusiasm made up completely for its small size, and there was excitement enough to make a thoroughly fine afternoon. The show was handled entirely by the Juniors, under Mrs. Walling's direction.

Features of the day were the calf roping and bareback bronc riding events for juniors. The stock — as, indeed, the whole setting for the show — was furnished through the great kindness of Harry Rowell.

Winners in calf roping were: (1) Alvan Marenco on La Donna, and (2) Frank Santos, Jr. on Lightning.

Bareback bronc riding results: (1) Don Flanigan, (2) Ronnie Lewis, (3) Dewain Flanigan, (4) Ronnie Dunniway.

That beautiful Don Bentley saddle went home with Frank Gallo, father of Ward Gallo, the M. H. A. Jr. drill team captain, to the general approval of the crowd.

MORE ABOUT JUNIORS

Among the Juniors who entered the Membership and Trails Donation contests recently concluded were, in addition to winners Bernie Cummings and Barbara Isham: Bill Bernard, Phebe Brown, Carol Cosgriff, Barbara Dorsey, Don Flanigan, Lobeth Fowler, Gilbert Grey, Peg Morrison, Linda Patten, Janet Phillips, Carolyn Peterson and Shirley Roberts.

Barbara Dorsey reports progress after her recent painful injury.

Janet Phillips and Phebe Brown went on the annual El Caballo Volante Trail Ride this summer. Janet reports that her saddlebred looked in better condition after the 33-mile ride than before. Phebe's mount looked somewhat lighter . . . but that's a long story. She placed third in the senior division.

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